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2021 Piano Competition : first round (Studio 4, Flagey)

From 3 to 8 May, at 4pm and 8pm – ! Extra session at 12h noon on 4 and 5 May

Order of appearance

As some of the 74 candidates have withdrawn, **58 pianists** will participate in the first round. **9 women and 49 men represent 16 different nationalities.** In order to respect the applicable sanitary measures, we have added an extra session at 12 noon on Tuesday and Wednesday. At each session, four candidates will perform a solo recital. The names of the 12 semi-finalists will be announced on Saturday the 8th of May around 11pm. Press members can [connect via this Zoom link](#) (please only use this link for personal use) to follow the proclamation. The results will be announced on our website around midnight. [List of the candidates by nationality \(pdf\)](#) / [Schedule of the first round \(pdf\)](#)

Programme

During the first round recital, each pianist performs :

- a work of his choice;
- the first movement of a sonata by Beethoven, Haydn or Mozart;
- and, in addition, the candidate plays one or two of the four *études* he has prepared for this round: one by Chopin; one by Liszt; one by Bartók, Debussy, Prokofiev, Rachmaninov, Skryabin or Stravinsky ; and one by Abrahamsen, Dusapin, Ligeti, Mantovani, Messiaen, Ohana or Rautavaara.

For your information, their programmes have been added to [the first round calendar](#). Each candidate communicates his choice to the competition just before his performance. The programme on our website will then be adapted, before their performance.

Broadcast: live video streaming

Thanks to the RTBF, the VRT and our partner Proximus the performances are broadcast on [our website](#) and on [AUVIO](#). Thereafter, they can be watched on demand.

Jury members

While the composition of the jury may vary from one round to another, the members of the jury attend the whole of the round that they have been appointed to judge. In the first round, the members are : **Gilles Ledure (Chairman), Jean-Philippe Collard, Ralf Gothóni, Momo Kodama, Aleksandar Madzar, Jean-Claude Vanden Eynden, Elisso Virsaladze en Shai Wosner.** [Jury member bios \(pdf\)](#)

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